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A. BROWN,
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Hongkong, March 15, 1902. 508

NOTICE.

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Firm of Yee Sang, and will not be respon-
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5.15 p.m.—Meeting of The Bowling Club, Limited.

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9 p.m. Performance at the City Hall.

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General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 21.—

Goods per *Moltres* cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, March 22.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Household Furniture, A.C., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

SUNDAY, March 23.—

Goods per *Norfolk* not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, March 24.—

4 p.m.—Meeting of Members of The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in Chamber Room, City Hall.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Rotten Mark Lodge, Goods per *Moltres* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, March 25.—

Entries for Lawn Tennis Tournament of Hongkong Cricket Club close.

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At Sandown, Singapore, on the 15th March, the wife of JOHN STRICKS, of a Son.
At Linnabar, Oxley Road, Singapore, on the 16th March, the wife of J. McLAREN, of a Daughter.
MARRIAGE.
At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on Monday, the 16th March, by the Rev. W. H. C. Dunlop, M.A., Colonial Chaplain, Edward Digby Whitcombe, Assistant Engineer, Singapore-Johore Railway, second son of Edward F. Whitcombe, Esq., M.A., of London, to Lucy Margaret Maud Monaghan, third daughter of James Morgan, Esq., J.P., of Old Bank House, Brecon, South Wales.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.30 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

'All Well!'

Captain Abel of the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Grandpierre*, which arrived at Singapore on the 8th inst., reported that when in Lat. N. 3.48 and Long. E. (of the Paris meridian) on 7th inst., a four-masted English ship was spoken, which signalled that she was the *Andromache* of London, bound for Hongkong and wished to be reported all well.

Railways in Borneo.

The *B. N. B. Herald* of the 1st inst. reports—Owing to serious floods on the West Coast recently, whereby the Kimanis Bridge was washed away and very serious damage to earthworks, Messrs. Pauling & Co. have obtained from the Court of Directors, through Sir Douglas Fox, their Consulting Engineer, four months extension of time under clause 17 of the Railways Contract, which will delay the opening till the end of April.

Forged Bank-Notes.

Forged five-guilder notes of the Java Bank have long been circulating at Batavia without the police being able to find out the forgers. An anonymous letter, backed by information gained by spies, gave the police a clue which resulted in search visits to certain houses and several arrests. Dices, presses, and other counterfeiting plant were also seized. Chinese are implicated in the matter.

Match Factories for Java.

There is a chance of American match factories being started in Java. Mr. Barber, chairman of the Diamond Match Company of New York, spent some time in London, not long ago. There, Mr. Barber gave out that he was not content with dominating the 'Swedish' match market in all parts of Europe. He intended, so it was reported, to set up match factories also in the Far East, Australia, and South Africa. This means turning Java also to account.

Fatalities.

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 16th inst. says:—Four fatalities are to be attributed to boats which have arrived here since Saturday, and in each case the victim is a Chinaman and a fireman. The vessels on which the men died are the German mail *Sachsen*, the E. Ex. Tel. Co's cable ship, the *Wendover*, the Norwegian steamer *Skid* and the s.s. *Deli*. In the first case, death was due to heat apoplexy, in the second to heart failure, the third man's death was due to natural debility, and the fourth and last died from taking an overdose of opium.

Bangkok's New Barrister.

The *Bangkok Times* of the 7th inst. says:—Mr. N. C. M. Home, barrister-at-law, was admitted to practice in H. B. M. Court, on Wednesday. Mr. Home, who is direct from Europe, was called to the Bar in 1886. He took honours in Jurisprudence and Roman Law at the London University, is an LL.B. of the University of New York, and took the degrees of B.A. and LL.B. at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, with triple honours. During his University career, Mr. Home was the winner of several prizes, including the Gresham prize for an essay on International Law, whilst he was also president of the Cambridge University Union.

A Yachting Party.

The American steam yacht *Margaret* arrived at Singapore from Colombo on the 9th inst., having called en route, at Palo Viejo. The *Margaret* is owned by Mr. J. E. Emerson of Baltimore, who is on board during the present cruise with Miss Emerson, his daughter, and a party of friends, consisting of Mr. G. Stuyvesant, Miss Stuyvesant, Mrs. and Miss Jenkins, Messrs. Ballantyne and Levering, Dr. McKim and Miss Meier. The yacht left Baltimore in the middle of May last, and cruised in the Mediterranean for some time on the way out. A fairly long stay was also made in Colombo, the party going up-country. Captain Water commands the *Margaret*, which is a trim built little craft of 133 tons net register, and is one of the vessels of the New York Yacht Club Squadron. The *Margaret* is bound of Hongkong.

It is a man is always as old as he feels, many men pass from youth to old age in a single night—from the evening before to the morning after.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.

Diphtheria is prevalent in Szechow.

There is a proposal to appoint a bacteriologist for Singapore.

The English Mail of the 15th February, was delivered in London on the 15th March.

During the leave of Colonel Oakes in Japan, Lt.-Col. Fullerton, R.E., will act as Officer Commanding the Troops in Singapore.

It is understood that two acres of land in Kuala Lumpur—containing buildings let at about fifty dollars a month—have recently changed hands for \$14,000.

The Penang Ladies' Golf Championship, for which only three competitors entered, has been won by Mrs. J. A. Brown with a score of 177 for the four rounds.

Lieut. Niven, Hongkong-Singapore Battalion R.G.A., is promoted Captain. He relieves Captain Pritchard who comes back to Hongkong as Commandant of the Volunteer Corps.

Mrs. W. H. Wilkinson, wife of the British Consul at Ningpo, died of diphtheria on the 12th inst. It is reported that many natives have succumbed to the disease, which is in epidemic form.

Captain and Mrs. Paramore, of Shanghai, have lost two sons within two days from scarlet fever, which has been raging with fatal results among the European children of Shanghai for some months.

We hear that Captain F. D. Goddard, of the firm of Goddard and Douglas, has been married during his holiday in England. Captain and Mrs. Goddard leave for the United States by the *Teutonic* on their way to Hongkong.

The Yokohama Amateur Dramatic Club, assisted by ladies, gave a performance of Messrs. Harry and Edward Paulson's comedy *Sticks*, on the 5th inst. To judge by the manner in which it was received by a crowded house (the *Japan Mail* says) the A.D.C. scored another decided success.

Supreme Court.

The jury, at the Criminal Sessions today, returned a verdict of not guilty against Chan Chi, the woman charged with extensive jewellery thefts. She is now being tried on six other counts of a similar nature. Another jury has been empanelled.

The Recent Fires.

Salvage operations are in full progress at Mussa's godowns, West Point, where the big fire occurred recently. Good prices have been realised at the auction for fire and water damaged flour, sugar, etc. The losses to the different insurance companies are not yet ascertained.

Cholera at Canton.

Similar measures have been taken by the Canton authorities to those taken in Hongkong to provide the people with water, which is being brought from a place well up the river. The inhabitants have also been warned, as they are here, against the consumption of unripe fruit and uncooked vegetables.

Property Sale.

This afternoon, two valuable lots of property were put up for auction at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's sale rooms. Marine Lot No. 18, situated at the Western end of the reclamation and extending to 3,600 square feet, was bought in at \$16 per foot. Inland Lot No. 993, with building situated in the Lau Kwei Feng and containing 651 square feet, was also bought in at \$7,000.

Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

A meeting of officers and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps is being held at Headquarters this evening when, according to the 'Express' issued, 'information of a very important nature will be communicated.' We understand that it is intended to ascertain before Friday how many members of the Corps will be able to obtain leave to go home during the coronation ceremonies. We believe it is the desire of the General Officer Commanding that the Corps should, if possible, be represented.

A SCOTTISH divine was noted for his pointed and cutting sayings: both in and out of the pulpit. One Sunday morning, just as he was about to begin the service, the kirk door opened and in walked a sprightly young ploughman in a brand new pair of light corded trousers. The young man was in no hurry to get to his seat, and when he did get there he stood up deliberately and slowly arranged his coat tails before sitting down. The minister had eyed him from the first, and as the young man was turning round to see if there was any dust on the seat, observed in an impatient voice: 'Ye can sit down now, my man. We've a' seen yer brock!'

A happy idea for a trade mark is the word 'Lemon' coined from the initials of Liebig's Extract of Meat Co. Many inferior meat extracts seek to trade on the Liebig Company's 36 years reputation and they accordingly ask the public to order their extract under the name 'Lemon' in order to ensure obtaining the genuine article.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Coronation.

In Legislative Council at Singapore on the 11th inst., a motion by the Hon. C. Stringer that the C. W. S. Kynessley, C.M.G., be appointed to represent the Colony at the Coronation was carried unanimously.

Welch Fusiliers for Singapore.

It is confirmed by letter from Hongkong (says the *Singapore Free Press*) that the Welch Fusiliers come to Singapore, but although April is mentioned, that cannot occur till a relieving battalion arrives, possibly from South Africa.

The 'Terrible' Gunners.

The Admiralty have congratulated Captain Scott upon the fine shooting of his *Terrible* (says a Home paper), but it is quite plain that the captain 'counts nothing done while aught remains to do,' the temper of a great officer, for in a memorandum to his crew he reminds them that there were three men who made 'only 60 per cent. of hits' were the rule of the Navy! But when we find that the average for the 9.2 gun is 28.3, and for the 6-in. 36.9, it is clear that a great deal of attention is required before we can rest satisfied with the gunnery of the fleet.

Reconstructing the 'Sovereigns'.

It is now announced (says the *Daily Graphic*) that the Admiralty intend to take a thoroughly wise step when they reconstruct the *Royal Sovereigns*, which will be as soon as the want of battleships in our Navy allows of their being spared from active service. The 6-in. guns on the upper deck will be protected by casemates, thus adding immeasurably to the military qualities of these excellent ships. Some time ago, the decision was reached to reconstruct in the same way the *Cadiz* and the *Barfleur*. Hitherto, in each of these types, only four out of the ten guns forming the heavy quick-firing battery have been protected by casemates.

For Volunteers.

The members of the Hongkong V.C. may be interested in the following cannon-ball story related by General Sir W. Stirling at the prize distribution of the 3rd Middlesex Royal Garrison Volunteer Artillery. As illustrating the great advance in gunnery, the speaker said that in the days of the Crimea he had seen a cannon-ball strike the saddle of one of his men, run up his back, and strike the victim's head. But beyond raising a bump no damage was done—(laughter)—it was true that the soldier struck had a remarkably thick skull. (Laughter.) The general maintained that Volunteers, instead of being armed with old and useless weapons, should be furnished with modern weapons like the regulars.

Football.

A football match between Labuan and B. N. Borneo ended in a draw—2 goals all. The Governor, Mr. Birch, kept goal for Borneo. The return match was won by Borneo by one goal to nothing. The following choice morsel is taken from the *B. N. B. Herald*:—H. E. the Governor played admirably in both games using his discretion at all times and stopping some hard shots. When the whistle blew Labuan seemed astonished and it turned out that the referee had made a mistake of two or three minutes. But everyone had had enough for the game was fast and furious from the commencement. So Borneo one by one got to nil and Labuan was not by any means disgraced for they made a good fight.

The Petroleum Industry.

News from Holland leaves no doubt (say Java journals) that the scheme of the Standard Oil Trust to take over the Shell Transport Company has failed altogether. The Standard Oil Trust is not, however, discouraged by ill-luck. There is every prospect of its opening negotiations with a leading Dutch petroleum company in Netherlands India, with strong chances of final success. Meanwhile the Shell Company is also moving. The particulars to hand show that terms had been agreed upon for a union between the Royal Langkat Company and the Shell Company. The Royal Company had already combined with two petroleum companies, and the Shell Company brought in two other companies. There was talk of some great Russian companies joining this trust. The result was brisk speculation in oil shares in Holland. On the 10th ult., a telegram reached Batavia announcing that the Royal Company, the Mearns Esin Company, and the Shell Company had finally formed a trust to supply the whole of the East with petroleum. The market in Europe and America will be left to the Standard Oil Co. The *Sansaring Locomotive*, on the authority of a correspondent who visited Balikpapan the other day, does not speak highly of the Shell Company's prospects in the East Borneo oil-fields. Immense oil tanks have been built, but supplies of oil fit for the refinery fall off steadily. So far the Company's operations there are said to come short of the success expected.

Most men would find it a difficult matter to tell all they know; not that they know much; but the difficulty would rise in trying to 'winnow' what they imagine they know.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Dredger Sold.

The Commercial Union Assurance Company have at last disposed of the dredger *Gunton River*, which was sunk in the typhoon of 1900. She was put up to auction the other day and was bought in at \$84,000. She has now been sold to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company for \$90,000.

Reckless Conduct.

A well-known local gentleman, while in his cups last night, presented a loaded revolver at his wife. The servants of the terrified lady attracted another female occupant of the house to the scene, and the police were informed. He then went outside and fired the shots in the air. At the Magistrate's today, he was charged with being in unlawful possession of a six-chambered revolver, and with recklessly discharging the weapon to the public danger. The Magistrate inflicted a penalty of \$10, and declared the weapon forfeited. The accused was also bound over in a sum of \$200 to keep the peace for six months.

Singapore Dock Finances.

The following extract is taken from the half-yearly report of the Tanjong Pagar Dock Co.:—The net amount for the half-year available for distribution, including \$300,000 brought forward from last account, is \$829,244, from which amount the directors recommended that a sum of \$200,000 be added to Reserve for wharf extensions and developments, thus raising this special fund to \$600,000, that \$205,936 be written off for depreciation of property, &c., that a dividend of 86 per share (absorbing the sum of \$227,070) be paid on the subscribed capital of the Company, and that the sum of \$201,508 be carried forward to next half-year. The fourteenth issue of debentures, new series, amounting to \$140,500, and bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, which matured on 10th October, 1901, has been replaced by an issue of debentures, for a similar amount, at 5 per cent. per annum, under the title of 'A' series of debentures. The total amount of the debenture issues is \$1,435,000.

Excellent Work by Filipino General.

The following paragraph is taken from the *Manila Times*:—Ex-General Juan Cailles, of Laguna, is proving himself loyal in putting an end to the insurrection in that province. Cailles took the field for the purpose of 'assisting in running down Caballes and Viray's forces, and although not successful in securing the leaders, he has succeeded in bringing in a formidable force from the ranks of their commands. He has proved that he is sincere in his desire for peace, and reports that he was well received by the people of the pueblos of Lilio, Nagaurang and San Pablo, through which his expedition passed. On the evening of the 9th instant, Cailles' expedition entered the barrio of Lilio, having covered a large part of western Laguna, and having secured, in two days, the surrender of seven officers and thirty-six men of Caballes' and Viray's forces, with four revolvers, thirteen rifles and some ammunition and bolts. He turned over eighteen guns to the commanding officer at Lilio, and will continue in the field until universal peace reigns in that section. He is confident of securing Caballes, and is being given every aid and assistance possible by the military authorities, who no longer doubt his loyalty nor his ability in the field.

Life in Christmas Island.

The annual report on the condition of affairs in Christmas Island published in the *Strait Settlements Gazette* does not put a very cheerful aspect on the conditions of life there, says the *Singapore Free Press*. The average death rate for the year amongst the coolies was 475.57 per thousand. For three months in the year, February, March and August, the death rate for the month equalled more than one thousand per thousand per annum, but in April, June, October and November the average was correspondingly low. The high mortality rate is attributed mainly to beri-beri, the poor water supply, and the need of fresh vegetables. It is noted as an interesting point that susceptibility to beri-beri seems to be in direct proportion to the amount of dried fish eaten. Dr. Duffin, of the London Tropical School of Medicine, is now investigating the causes of beri-beri. There were an excessive number of accidents during the last three months, many of which could probably have been avoided by the careful supervision of the phosphate gangs. Crime was not pronounced, the cases being few in number and trivial in character. The export of phosphate of lime increased 6,638 tons over last year. The report states that the question of water supply has been repeatedly brought before the company by Government and their medical advisers, but so far not much improvement has been effected. Amongst other work temporary pier are in the course of construction to facilitate loading.

A GOOD COUGH MEDICINE.

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

ILLNESS OF CECIL RHODES.

LONDON, 17th March 1902.
Latest reports on the condition of Mr Cecil Rhodes state that the patient is weaker.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE CAPE.

Five thousand reinforcements will sail for the Cape before the end of the month.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The Driving Movements.

The last drives to the westward ending on the 11th instant have cleared an immense tract of country where the Boers formerly kept their stores and remount depot. The captures include the Boer Commandant Colliers, who was wounded.

KING EDWARD'S VISIT TO THE RIVIERA ABANDONED.

King Edward is not now going to the Riviera, but will cruise in his yacht in home waters.

WAR OFFICE REVELATIONS.

During a discussion on Army contracts, Mr. Brodick referred to the position in which Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State for War in Lord Rosebery's Ministry, left the War Office as regards artillery, which was not allowed to transpire as it was too serious a matter to reveal then. There was likewise, at the same time, a shortness of rifle ammunition, and had complications arisen in South Africa then, we would have been compelled to abandon the country after the first three months.

[FROM JAPANESE SOURCES.]

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

LONDON, March 4.
The *Norfolk* of Lord Arthur reveals the Russian proposals regarding Manchuria and China's reply. The latter resents the Russian demands, which included a reduction of the number of British and Japanese officers on the Newchwang railway, as well as a million and a half taels compensation (or return of the railway). China's refusal of these demands affirmed that Russia's sole privilege should be mining rights in Manchuria.

The *Norfolk* is almost belittling in tone, and declares that the Manchurian question is wholly a Russo-Chinese affair and that Russia resents any intervention.

The *Star* asserts the Russian general staff is prepared for contingencies.

NEW LOAN FOR RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 9.
Russia is negotiating a new loan of seven million millions sterling in Paris, giving security the Chinese indemnity bonds. The success of the negotiations is considered probable.

THE RUSSIAN BUDGET.

The Russian Budget includes a grant of a million and a half roubles for the exploration of coalfields in Taishtar in the interest and for the coaling of the Russian Pacific Squadron.

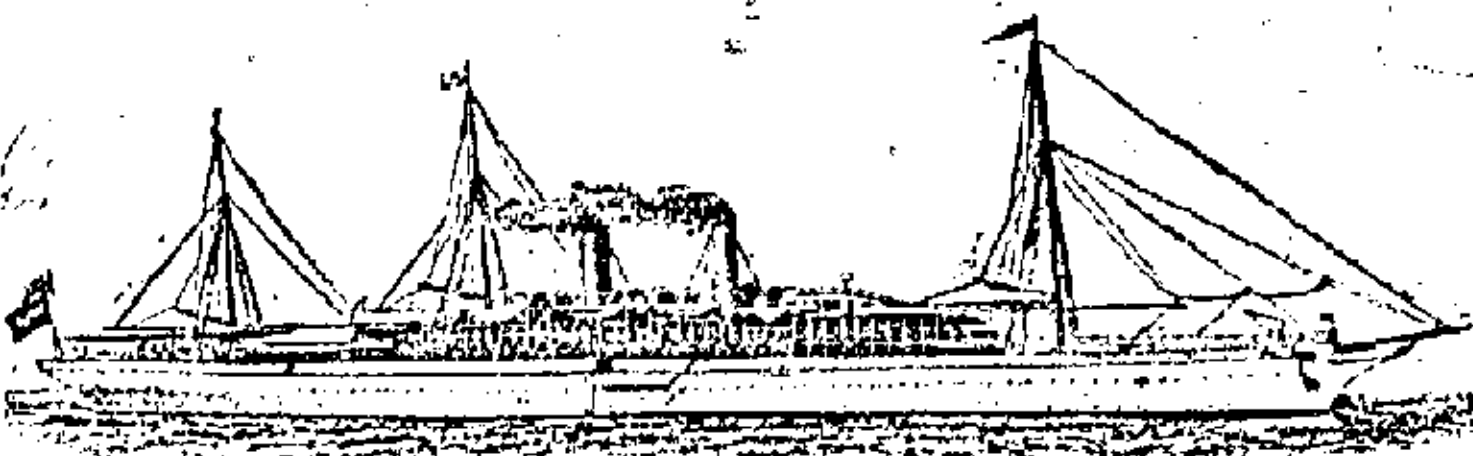
The late Captain Mulhiken.

The *Singapore Free Press* says:—Everybody who knew him in Hongkong and Singapore will deeply regret to hear of the death, at Calcutta, of Capt. Charles Francis Larkin Mulhiken, R.G.A., of Major Hanbau's Company. Capt. Mulhiken joined the service as 2nd Lieut. in Nov. 1894, was promoted Lieut. in Nov. 1897, and Captain August 1900. The cause of death was abscess of the liver, for which an operation had been performed. Capt. Mulhiken was a fine-looking young officer, the ideal of a soldier, and his friends, both military and civilian, will lament the death, at so early an age, of one who might reasonably have looked forward to a long and distinguished career in His Majesty's service.

The Navy League.

The following extract is taken from *The Navy League Journal*:—The Executive Committee of the Navy League has heard, with much regret, of the resignation of Mr. H. E. Pollock as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Hongkong branch, on his appointment as Attorney-General at Fiji. Mr. Pollock has forwarded from time to time valuable information to the headquarters of the League respecting the following subjects, in which he has taken special interest: The expansion of the British territory adjacent to Kowloon; the reinforcement of the British Fleet in Chinese waters; the suppression of piracy in the West River and the protection of Hongkong (replacement of '

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ANPING, via SWATOW AND AMOY	MAIDZURU MARU	WEDNESDAY, 19th March.
TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY	DAIJI MARU	SUNDAY, 23rd March.
FOOCHOW, via SWATOW AND AMOY	ANPING MARU	WEDNESDAY, 26th March.
TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY	DAIJI MARU	SUNDAY, 30th March.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified Doctor is carried. All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine-Surveyors, and are registered in the highest class at Lloyd's. Steamers will go alongside the Co.'s Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tamsui to land all passengers and cargo.

For Freight, Passage and further information apply to

The MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.

AGENTS.

Hongkong, March 18, 1902. 2579

Shipping.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES

FOR	STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	DATE
LONDON	Bombay	H. S. BRADSHAW	Noon, 18th March.
YMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YMA	C. C. TAYLOR, R.N.	Abert, 25th March.
SINGAPORE	Bombay	A. J. VALENTINI	Abert, 25th March.
LONDON	Bombay	C. P. LOCKSTON, R.N.	Noon, 3rd April.
SINGAPORE AND BOMBAY	Norfolk	C. J. BISTON, R.N.	About 3rd April.

PASSENGER SEASON 1902.
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON, 29th March.
DON Direct without Transhipment. Malta, 12th April.

* See Special Advertisement.
† For Freight only.
‡ Calling at PENANG and COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.
§ Calling at PENANG and COLOMBO if sufficient inducement offers.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 19, 1902.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Trion, Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND Ports, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TACOMA, &c.)

THE Steamship "EASTERN" will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 p.m.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A Steamer's and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the City of Sydney Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 9, 1902. 464

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship "INDIA" will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 20th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WILKIN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 13, 1902. 549

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Co.'s Steamship "YARRA" will be despatched for the above Ports on or about SUNDAY, the 23rd inst.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 17, 1902. 578

TOYO KISEN KAISHA (ORIENTAL S. S. Co.)

REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA IN 48 HOURS.

THE Company's Well-known Steamship "ROSETTA MARU, 3676 Tons, Captain RICE, will be despatched hence for MANILA on TUESDAY, the 25th March, at Noon.

Magnificent Accommodation. Comfortable Cabins. Excellent Table. Unrivalled Speed. Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Prince's Buildings, 1st House Street, First Floor.

Hongkong, March 19, 1902. 284

NOTICE.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, PORTS OF BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON, the 25th March 1902, the Company's Steamship "OCEANIC" Captain SCHWITZ, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the S. S. "JANUS", which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that Port on the 5th April, direct to SUEZ, PORT SAID & MARSEILLES.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for MARSEILLES, and accepted in transit through MARSEILLES for the principal Places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 23rd March, 1902 (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, March 19, 1902. 550

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, March 15, 1902. 564

Shipping.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship "SILKSA" will leave for the above places on THURSDAY, the 27th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WILKIN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1902. 507

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOI & SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship "Peking" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns at East Point.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignee's risk and expense.

DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1902. 577

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s Steamship "Sulung" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 19th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 17, 1902. 573

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "JANIS" FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE S. S. *Flamingo*, Captain Linnar, having arrived from the above Ports, that their goods are hereby informed that they have been landed at their consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th Inst., will be subject to sale.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th Inst., at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHIPWAS, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 18, 1902. 508

Intimations.

ESTABLISHED 1872.

HOP FUNG, 合
SHIP CHANDLER, &c.,
Nos. 30 & 32 Wing On St. Central.

DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
NEW IRON, METAL & STEEL for
ENGINEERING WORK,
STEEL ROLLER-PLATES,
COPPER PIPES, GAS PIPING,
ANCHORS, CHAINS,
STEEL TIES AND JOISTS.
Hongkong, January 4, 1902. 25

C. E. WARREN,
BUILDING CONTRACTOR,
No. 34, WYNDHAM STREET.

SANITARY Appliances supplied and
Fixed. Baths, Traps, Waste Pipes, Etc.,
Cleaned and Repaired.
Sanitary Board Notices receive prompt
attention.
Agents for Moral Ties.
Prices on Application.
Hongkong, August 2, 1901. 1609

H. F. CARMICHAEL
CONSULTING ENGINEER,
SURVEYOR AND CONTRACTOR,
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

TELEGRAMS: "CARMICHAEL" HONGKONG.
A. B. Code, 4th Edition.
Lieber's Standard Code.
TELEPHONE, 222.
Hongkong, July 2, 1901. 1379

MINERAL
ASSAYS & ANALYSES.

THE YANKEE VALLEY COMPANY, LTD.,
having its own well-equipped Laboratory,
is prepared, in order to assist in the
Mineral Development of China, to assay
work of all descriptions. Quantitative
Analysis, and to classify minerals for Mine
owners and others.
Mines as well as Minerals of Economic
value purchased and consigned on arranged
by appointment.
Terms moderate.
Address:—THE LABORATORY,
49, SEACROFT ROAD.
Cable Address,
"YANKEEVAL," SHANGHAI.
5th October, 1901. 1726

Kinghorn & Macdonald,
Consulting Mechanical Engineers
and Surveyors.
CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ALL
KINDS OF MACHINERY AND
APPLIANCES.

ICE MAKING.
MESSRS. KINGHORN AND MAC-
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SOLE AGENTS for Messrs. J. and E. HALL'S
PATENT REFRIGERATING MACHINERY, are
prepared to supply factories, houses and
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M. I. E. R., M. I. M. E., L., London.
DONALD MACDONALD,
London, May 28, 1900. 1083

TELEPHONE No. 323.

TSANG FOO & CO.
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SAM WING HING,
COAL MERCHANTS,
No. 48, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Hongkong, September 21, 1901. 1958

A. G. GORDON,
M. I. E. R., M. I. M. E., L.,
MEMBER INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND
SURVEYORS IN SCOTLAND,
CONSULTING MARINE ENGINEER,
AND
NAVAL ARCHITECT.
Damage, Collision and Wreck
Surveyor.
14 Des Voeux Road, Central.
Telegrams: "PESIDIO."
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E. C. WILKS & CO.
MR. E. C. WILKS, late of Kowloon
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under the above title as
CONSULTING ENGINEER AND
MARINE SURVEYOR.
Estimates for all classes of Engineering
and Ship Work.

9 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, November 1, 1901. 2221

THE WAVERLEY HOTEL,
105 HOUSE STREET, HONGKONG.
A First-Class Private
Family Hotel.

HANDSOMELY FURNISHED and
Exceedingly Spacious Rooms.
Very MODERATE TERMS to FAMIL-
IES by the DAY or MONTH.
Hongkong, December 18, 1900. 2839

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'Strongest in
the World.'

ASSETS, SURPLUS, 330 Millions.
GOLD DOLLARS.

There is No Other Just as Good.

EQUITABLE LIFE.

DEATH CLAIMS
PAID WITHIN ONE DAY.
1896 90.3 per cent.
1897 94.4 per cent.
1898 92.8 per cent.
1899 95.8 per cent.
1900 (first half) 97.3 per cent.

This record should appeal to every man
who contemplates making provision for his
family by means of life insurance.

F. KIRKE, Manager,
Hongkong.

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
(Incorporated in the Kingdom of Queen Anne
A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £150,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £3,450,044.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £1,103,883.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Society in Hong-
kong, are prepared to issue Policies against
FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING & Co.,
Penny Central.

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.**

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1901,
£14,732,681.
Authorized Capital, £10,000,000 0 0
Subscribed Capital, £2,500,000 0 0
Paid-up Capital, £2,087,500 0 0
Funds at Disposal, £2,855,716 14 4

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the
above Company we are prepared to
accept Risks and CHARGE RISKS at
Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 3, 1901. 1537

**SALAMANDER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to accept Risks against Fire at
Current Rates.

HOTZ, JACOB & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, March 31, 1900. 738

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To look forward to?

If not write at once and obtain a copy of
the STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY'S "PERFECT PENSION"
SCHEME.
Better than the Savings Bank.
For Full particulars of the Scheme, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
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Hongkong, April 8, 1901. 4-83

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Pelham House,
FAMILY HOTEL.
WYNDHAM STREET.
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Proprietor.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL.

ROTISSERIE.
Meats a la Carte.

**CHOPS, STEAKS, etc., at any
time between 7.30 a.m. and 11
p.m.**

Monthly Tiffin at Moderate Rates.
Murphy & Farman,
Proprietors.

HOTEL ORAIGIEBURN.

PLUNKET'S GATE, THE PEAK.
near the TRAM TERMINUS. TELEPHONE 56.
For Terms,
Apply to the MANAGER. 741

KOWLOON HOTEL.

THIS HOTEL is situated in a quiet
locality, away from the din and
disturbance of the City, and surrounded by
a delightful Garden it is an ideal place of
Residence. The building stands on an
eminence, giving a magnificent view of the
Harbour, and the City of Victoria. It is
within easy access of the Kowloon Wharves,
where the principal Mail Steamers disem-
bark Passengers, and from which there is a
regular ferry service to Hongkong.

Dining Saloon and Billiards.
Two Canteens, Excellent.
J. W. OSBORNE, J. H. DOWNS,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 6, 1900. 830

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,
ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THREE minutes' walk from the Steamer
Ferry-landing from the City of Victoria.
A First-class Hotel, with thirty-five very
airy Bedrooms.
Everything of the Best.
Dinner Parties by Special Arrangement.
Billiards (Thurston Match Table).
Most perfect culinary arrangements.
Food both in European and Eastern
styles.

H. RUTTONJEE,
Proprietor.
Hongkong, March 3, 1902. 458

Banks.

THE
YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK,
LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED Yen 24,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP Yen 18,000,000
CAPITAL UNPAID Yen 6,000,000
RESERVE FUND Yen 8,510,000
HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
TOKYO, KOREA, NAGASAKI,
LONDON, LYONS, NEW YORK,
SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, DONGYAI,
SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG,
PEKING.

LONDON BANKERS:
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited,
Part of Bank, Limited,
The Union Bank of London, Limited.

HONGKONG BRANCH—Interest allowed.
On Current Account at the Rate of 2%
per annum on the daily balance.
On fixed deposits for 12 months, 5% per
annum.
On fixed deposits for 3 months, 3% per
annum.

TARO HODSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 21, 1902. 589

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE
12th NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL Yen 5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL Yen 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:
CANTON, PEKING,
CHONGKING, SINGAPORE,
HANKOW, TIENTSIN.

THE BANK PURCHASES and receives for
Collection Bills of Exchange drawn
on the above places, and Sells Drafts and
Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its
Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Advances made on approved securities.
Bills Discounted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at
the Rate of 2% per annum on the Daily
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<p><i>Section.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour's Office. 4. From Harbour Master's to the Market. 5. From the Market to Pedder's Wharf. 6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 	<p><i>Section.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point. 9. From Koller's Island to North Point. 10. Kowloon Wharves. 11. Jardine's Wharf.
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

MARCH 19, 1902.					
Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Cash.	Reserve, Dividends, &c.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	\$	125	all	\$500
Bank of China & Japan, Limited	100,875	£	8	£	London, £63
" " ordinary	1,250	£	1	£	421
National Bank of China, Limited	10,970	£	10	£	\$80, buyers
" " deferred	20,955	£	10	£	\$86, buyers
" " Founders' shares	7-10	£	1	£	\$10, sellers
FIRE INSURANCE.					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	250	\$	\$160, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$	83.33	\$	\$85, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	5,000	£	100	£	\$19, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	100	\$	in liquidation
Union Insurance Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$	250	\$	\$875, sales & buyers
Yankee Insurance Association, Ltd.	8,000	\$	100	\$	\$134, buyers
FIRE INSURANCE.					
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	100	\$	\$83, sellers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$	250	\$	\$35, sellers
DOCKERS, ETC.					
H.K. & Wharfedock Co. Ltd.	50,000	\$	50	all	\$262, sellers
Geo. Fowick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$	25	\$	\$41
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$	60	\$	\$30, buyers
S. C. Furnham, Boyd & Co. Ltd.	55,700	Tls.	100	Tls	100, sellers
STEAMSHIPS, TRUGS, ETC.					
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	\$30
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	10,000	\$	50	\$	nominal
H.K. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	15	\$	\$40, buyers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	£	10	all	\$128
China Mutual S. N. Co.	30,000	£	10	£	\$10, buyers
" " (new issue)	20,000	£	10	£	\$10, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	\$25, sellers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	£	10	£	\$8, sellers
Harland & Wolff, Ltd.	1,000	Tls.	100	Tls	100, \$175, sales
Shanghai Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	100	Tls	50, \$190, sales
Co-operative Cargo Boat Co., Ltd.	1,000	Tls.	100	Tls	100, \$137, sales
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Company, Limited	30,000	£	100	all	\$132, sellers
Yankong Sugar Company, Limited	7,000	£	100	all	\$30, sellers
Yankong Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	Tls.	60	Tls	50, \$17, 77
WHARVES.					
H.K. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all	\$94, sellers
Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf Co.	15,100	Tls.	100	Tls	100, \$272, buyers
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited	50,000	\$	100	100	\$173, buyers
Hongkong Land Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50, \$109
Kowloon Land and Building Company	8,000	£	50	\$	\$30
Wei-heiwei Land & Building Co., Ltd.	3,000	Tls.	25	Tls	25, \$20
Yumphae Land & Finance Co.	100,000	Tls.	10	all	\$125, sales
Vest Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$	50	\$	\$69, sellers
TRAMWAYS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	\$	100	all	\$230, buyers
MINEING.					
Goldfield Mining & Trading Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$	5	all	\$83, sellers
New Pungim Mining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	10	all	\$41
" " Preference shares	30,000	\$	1	all	\$125, sellers
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Pcs.	250	all	\$915
Yamhe Mine, Limited	400,000	25 cents	25	cts	4 cents
Yamhe Am. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£	1	18/10	\$9, buyers
River's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$46,093	\$	5	\$	4/ Nom.
MOTELS, ETC.					
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.	13,000	\$	50	all	\$132
Manila Hotel Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$	50	\$	\$50, sellers
Hotel House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50, \$125
Hotel House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shai)	4,500	\$	100	\$	\$270, sales
DISPENSARIES.					
S. Watson & Co., Limited	60,000	\$	10	all	\$15, sales & sellers
Watkins Limited	10,000	£	10	£	\$73, buyers
GAS AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.					
Hongkong Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls	50, \$115 ex div.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	\$131
New Electric Works Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$	10	\$	\$84
BRICK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$	10	\$	\$21, sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Manila Investment Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$	50	\$	\$35, sellers
Philippine Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,000	£	12/6	£	\$1, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	10,000	\$	10	\$	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd.	600	\$	10	\$	\$20, buyers
Steam Water-Boat Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$	50	\$	\$78
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$	75	all	\$12, buyers

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